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EXDIS, FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TERENCE A. TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), VE

SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS ON JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED QUOTE YOUR SIDE, OUR SIDE
LANGUAGE QUOTE FOR CERTAIN PARA WHERE IT MAY BECOME
NECESSARY. PARAGRAPH NUMBERS ARE KEYED TO INCOMING
CABLE.

2. PARA 6. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DELETE SECOND
SENTENCE IN VENEZUELAN DRAFT, WE SUGGEST ADDING:
PRESIDENT CARTER EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO
STABILIZE BASIC RAW MATERIAL PRICES, WHERE VOLATILITY IS
DISRUPTIVE TO THE WORLD ECONOMY; AT THE SAME TIME HE
DREW ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS RAISED BY PROPOSALS TO
INDEX PRICES OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES.

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∴ PARA 10. IF THE VENEZUELAN INSIST ON THIS
UNFORTUNATE LAST SENTENCE, WE SUGGEST ADDITION OF THE
FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO MAKE OUR POSITION CLEAR: QUOTE
PRESIDENT CARTER POINTED OUT THAT FOR SOME TIME THE
UNITED STATES HAS PLACED A NUMBER OF RESTRICTIONS ON ITS
RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HE NOTED THAT THE UNITED
STATES NEITHER ENCOURAGES NOR DISCOURAGES INVESTMENT IN

SOUTH AFRICA AND SINCE 1973 HAS URGED UNITED STATES FIRMS OPERATING IN THAT COUNTRY TO OBSERVE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND TO DEAL WITH BLACK TRADE UNIONS. UNQUOTE.

4. PARA12. IF VENEZUELAN INSIST ON RETAINING LAST SENTENCE, WE SUGGEST ADDING FOLLOWING AT END OF PARAGRAPH: QUOTE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES STRESSED THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST RESOLVE ALL REMAINING DIFFERENCES SOON IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES OR RISK LOSING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE ORDER IN THE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS. UNQUOTE.

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